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ALDERMAN HOSTS COMMUNITY MEETING ON PROPOSED MULTI-PURPOSE EVENTS CENTRE

April 12, 2007 from 7p.m. to 9 p.m. at City Hall

Medicine Hat – Medicine Hat residents have another opportunity to provide their feedback on a proposed new multi-purpose events centre.

Alderman Graham Kelly, Chairman of the New Arena Steering Committee, is hosting a community meeting Thursday, April 12, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall to hear further input from the public.

"Members of the community expressed a need to hold a community meeting on this matter," said Kelly. "This is probably the biggest community project in the history of Medicine Hat and it is important that taxpayers be heard as it affects their pocketbook."

On April 2, City Council received Administration's final report, Graham Edmunds Cartier Architecture's report on community consultation, and the New Arena Steering Committee's recommendations on the multi-purpose events centre.

The steering committee recommended that:

- A new multi-purpose events centre be constructed at the Southlands site (Black and White Trail);
- Construction is to commence as soon as possible;
- Concept design is as outlined in GEC's Arena Feasibility Planning Study Part II Report;
- Seating capacity is minimally 6,500 seats;
- Operating model is an arms-length society;
- The old arena is retained to meet community ice demand;

"Council will be debating the steering committee recommendations," adds Kelly. "They may refer to the other two reports but Council will have to deal with the steering committee recommendations, including the south side location."

The reports are available on the City's website www.medicinehat.ca click on Arena Feasibility.

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